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MEMORIAL DAY—MAY 29TH

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Our sincere gratitude to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

City services are available online at www.charlottemi.org.

Emergency Police/Fire: 9-1-1

Emergency DPW: 517-543-8874

CONSTRUCTION 2023

Construction will begin in May for three major projects this construction season. Safe Routes to Schools program will install sidewalks through \$1.8mill grant funding in partnership with Charlotte Public Schools; Hall/Washington/McClure streets will be completely reconstructed, including underground utilities; and Island Hwy will be reconstructed in partnership with the Eaton County Drain Commissioner's Office.



Want to keep up-to-date on the latest construction news? Check out the city's website here: www.charlottemi.org/construction-updates-2023/



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CITY MEETING CALENDAR

May

- Monday, 1 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 2 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 2 Parks Advisory Board, Community Room—Basement City Hall
- Tuesday, 9 Camp Frances Board, 6:30pm, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran
- Wednesday, 10 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Monday, 15 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 16 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30pm
- Monday, 29 City Hall Closed—Memorial Day

June

- Monday, 5 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 6 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 13 Camp Frances Board, 6:30pm, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran
- Wednesday, 14 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Monday, 19 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 20 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30pm

July

- Monday, 3 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 4 City Hall Closed—Independence Day
- Tuesday, 11 Planning Commission
- Tuesday, 13 Camp Frances Board, 6:30pm, Camp Frances Bldg, 1501 S Cochran
- Wednesday, 14 City Council workshop meeting, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Monday, 19 City Council, in-person and remotely via Zoom and Facebook Live
- Tuesday, 20 Downtown Development Authority, 6:30pm

Agendas, meeting details, and zoom links are available online at www.charlottemi.org.

Meetings are in-person at City Hall Council Chambers at 7pm unless noted otherwise.

Persons with disabilities who require assistance in order to participate in the public meeting should contact the City at the earliest opportunity by emailing the City Clerk at clerk@charlottemi.org or by calling (517) 543-2750.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE

NOTICE is hereby given that Nominating Petitions and Affidavits of Identity forms may be picked up beginning Monday May 1, 2023 in the City Clerk's office for the following City Council seats to be elected at the city election on **November 7, 2023**

COUNCIL OFFICE	# OF OFFICES TO ELECT	TERM LENGTH	TERM EXPIRATION (1ST MONDAY FOLLOWING ELECTION)
MAYOR	1	5 YEAR	11/13/2028
DISTRICT 1	1	3 YEAR (PARTIAL)	11/9/2026
DISTRICT 1	1	5 YEAR	11/13/2028
DISTRICT 2	1	3 YEAR (PARTIAL)	11/9/2026
DISTRICT 2	1	5 YEAR	11/13/2028
AT-LARGE	1	5 YEAR	11/13/2028

The City Clerk's office is open Mon. to Fri. 9am-1pm and 2pm to 4pm, located at 111 E. Lawrence Ave. Charlotte MI 48813. The deadline for filing the required forms with the City Clerk is Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 4pm at the Office of City Clerk

NOTICE is further given that at the regular City Council Meeting held Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Charlotte passed **Resolution 2023-07 "A resolution establishing regular elections in November of each even year commencing with the city election of November, 2026"**.

To accommodate for the change from odd to even year elections, all terms of office for City of Charlotte Council seats are extended for one (1) year, one (1) time only. Six (6) Council seats that are open for election at the November 7, 2023 city election; Mayor, District 1 and 2 and an At-large seat each with a 5-year term and District 1 and 2 each with a 3-year (partial) term. One (1) At-Large seat that is not open for election in 2023 has been extended 1 year (exp. 11/9/2026).

Questions? Contact Mary LaRocque, City Clerk at 517-543-2750 or clerk@charlottemi.org



Volunteers Needed. Are you looking to give back? Do you have skills that can benefit the community? The City has several opportunities for citizens to participate in their local government. The following boards/committees need volunteers.

- Board of Review (2)
- Downtown Development Authority (3)
- Airport Advisory Board (1)
- Camp Frances (2)

Interested persons can find more information here:

www.charlottemi.org/board-and-commission-volunteer-opportunities-available/

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

Rave Alerts. The City of Charlotte is using Rave alerts! Get notified with important information about what is happening in the community such as street closures, water system work, or emergencies that may affect you. There are several ways to register: Text CHARLOTTE to 67283; Download the Smart911 app; or Register for a free and secure safety profile online at Smart911.com.

The City also sends out notifications specific to users by address, such as notices when quarterly utility bills are sent out. If you're already registered, make sure to update your profile address so you're receiving accurate information.



Lead Service Line Replacement. The City of Charlotte Department of Public Works (DPW) is verifying the material of water service lines throughout the City as a requirement of the 2018 Michigan Lead and Copper Rule. EGLE is requiring a complete inventory of the water service lines by January 1, 2025. The inventory must include material verification at 3 locations along the service line, including inside the home where the water service comes into the house. The City received a Grant from EGLE to help with the material verification. The City has hired Fishbeck to help complete the in-home inspections.

We ask that you contact Fishbeck at (517) 882-0383 or by filling out this form <https://forms.gle/JbbSFVnGsGU74SJC9> to set up an appointment for the material identification. The inspections require Fishbeck or DPW staff to enter your home for a brief period to identify water service material where your water service enters your home.

All personnel associated with the verification will have identification verifying they are either a Fishbeck or DPW employee.

In place of an in-home inspection, an online survey is available to residents to complete which includes taking a picture of the water service line at the in-home water meter. Scan the QR code below to complete the self-survey of your home's water service.

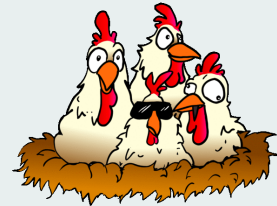


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Backyard Chickens. Did you know that backyard chickens are allowed in Charlotte if you obtain a permit? It's true - residents can keep up to 6 egg-laying chickens (No roosters!) in a coop and fenced enclosure after getting a permit from the City Clerk's Office.

The permit costs \$50 and is good for two years, after which it can be renewed for no charge. The permit is easy to obtain and the rules are easy to follow. This regulation only covers chickens, however; it cannot be extended to other fowl, like ducks or geese, and it does not allow for the keeping of other farm animals such as rabbits or goats.

If interested, call (517) 543-8853 for more information and a copy of the application.



Do you have an idea to improve the City? Are you passionate about something happening in your neighborhood? Reach out to your elected officials to share your thoughts: [click here for their contact information.](#)



2023 Park Reservations Planning a party or event for later this spring or summer? Host your event at one of our beautiful facilities!

Bennett Park pavilion rental calendar is now open for 2023 reservations. Find the rental registration information and forms online at <https://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/parks/park-reservation-applications/>

You can also contact the Clerk's Office with questions about reservations and date availability at 517-543-2750 or email mdensmore@charlottemi.org

Camp Frances is taking reservations for the 2023 calendar year. Visit the website at <https://www.campfrances.org/> Under the tab "Rental Information" you will find the "Guidelines for Use of the facility". By clicking "Rental Request" you will be taken to the City's website where you can complete a request for dates. Please register as early as possible for your date as it could take up to 7 business days to process your paperwork once submitted.

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Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF). The Fund was established under section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the ARP) to mitigate hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic by providing funds to prevent homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosure, loss of utilities or home energy services and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship on or after January 21, 2020 or for those homeowners who experience a coronavirus pandemic financial hardship that began before January 21, 2020 but continued after that date. For more information or to apply, visit [MSHDA's website](#).

Emergency Home Repair Program. Eaton County administers an Emergency Repair Program. No interest, no payment loans to Eaton County residents who meet federal, state and County Housing Program guidelines may be provided. This program assists with emergency repairs that are causing a health and safety risk to the occupants and the structure of the home.

The program offers up to \$20,000 in no interest, no payment loan assistance to repair and improve program participant's home. A deferred mortgage is recorded against the property for the amount invested into the home. Contact Housing at: 517-543-3710 or visit their website at <https://www.eatoncounty.org/181/Emergency-Home-Repair> for more information.

Other Assistance Programs Available. There are other programs for those having trouble paying rent/mortgage or utilities. Persons who are in need of assistance due to financial or other hardships can find information on available programs online at www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/ or by calling 2-1-1.



Email Billing Feature Now Available! Ready to ditch the paper utility bill? You can now sign up for emailed billing of your quarterly utility bill. Please complete the form below and return it to City Hall, in-person or drop-box, or you can sign up online at www.charlottemi.org/email-utility-bill-form/

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Service Address: _____



Utility Billing Customer Service. If you have questions or need to update your utility billing account, contact UB Clerk Mikayla Middaugh: in-person during regular business hours, by phone at 517-543-8841, or email mmiddaugh@charlottemi.org.

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The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a federal program run by the FCC to assist qualifying low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices such as laptops or tablets. Households may be eligible if their income is below 200% the Federal Poverty Line or if someone in the household receives a government benefit such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free and Reduced-Price Lunch. If eligible, households may receive up to a \$30/month discount on internet service, up to \$75 a month discount on qualifying Tribal lands, and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50). Information regarding ACP may be found here: <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/>.



Michiganders in crisis now have an easy-to-remember three-digit number to call for help – 988. Michigan has joined the nation with 988, which will operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline’s network of more than 200 locally operated and funded crisis centers across the country.

In 2020, Congress designated the new 988 dialing code to operate through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to expand the existing support beyond people who are feeling suicidal to all individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including substance abuse issues. Trained counselors will be available 24/7 to field calls. They will listen to the caller’s problems, assess their needs and provide support by connecting them with resources, and alert local emergency crisis teams, if necessary.

Anyone with these concerns can call, including mental health-related distress; thoughts of suicide; substance use crisis; or emotional distress. There are specialized services available for veterans, LGBTQ individuals and other groups. People who are worried about a loved one who may need support also can call.

The 988-dialing code does not replace the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-TALK (8255) or other locally operated crisis lines. Instead, it serves as a universal entry point to connect individuals in need to trained crisis counselors who can help. MDHHS is working to ensure a solid infrastructure is built through coordination with 911 and other crisis service providers as the 988-dialing code launches.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

Blight, Weeds, or Junk Vehicles Spring is a great time for yard clean-ups and general outdoor property maintenance as well. Residents who have a concern about the condition of a specific property, because of an accumulation of junk, refuse, improperly stored recreational vehicles, or unregistered vehicles should contact Code Enforcement so it can be evaluated.

Properties must be kept in good repair, including exterior siding and roofs, and free of junk/debris. Additionally, city code states that vehicles must be registered and operable. Grass and vegetation be maintained so as not to exceed 10 inches in height. Residents who own larger lots in the city (5 acres or more) must also keep those areas within 100 feet of a street, alleyway or neighboring property line at 10 inches or less. Please keep shrubs and trees trimmed back at corners to prevent traffic hazards, and away from sidewalks for pedestrian safety.

A code enforcement inspector will take action on properties that are not maintained. Residents who are not mowing will be given notice of the violation and a reasonable time to remedy the problem. If the problem persists, the City may mow the lot and the homeowner will be charged for the work. Continued violations may result in the issuance of a civil infraction ticket.



If you see a property in your neighborhood in need of maintenance, please call 517-543-8837, ccummings@charlottemi.org, or report it online at www.charlottemi.org/contact-us/.

Individuals in need of assistance can find resources on our website at www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/.

Utility Flags. Comcast is coming to Charlotte and will be installing fiber lines during the spring and summer. If you see flags marking underground utilities, don't pull them out!

These flags are required to ensure any underground utilities are not damaged during the installation.

Comcast will leave doorhangers when they're in your area with more information.



Streetlights are owned and maintained by Consumers Energy.

Report outages, check status, and more online at streetlights.consumersenergy.com/

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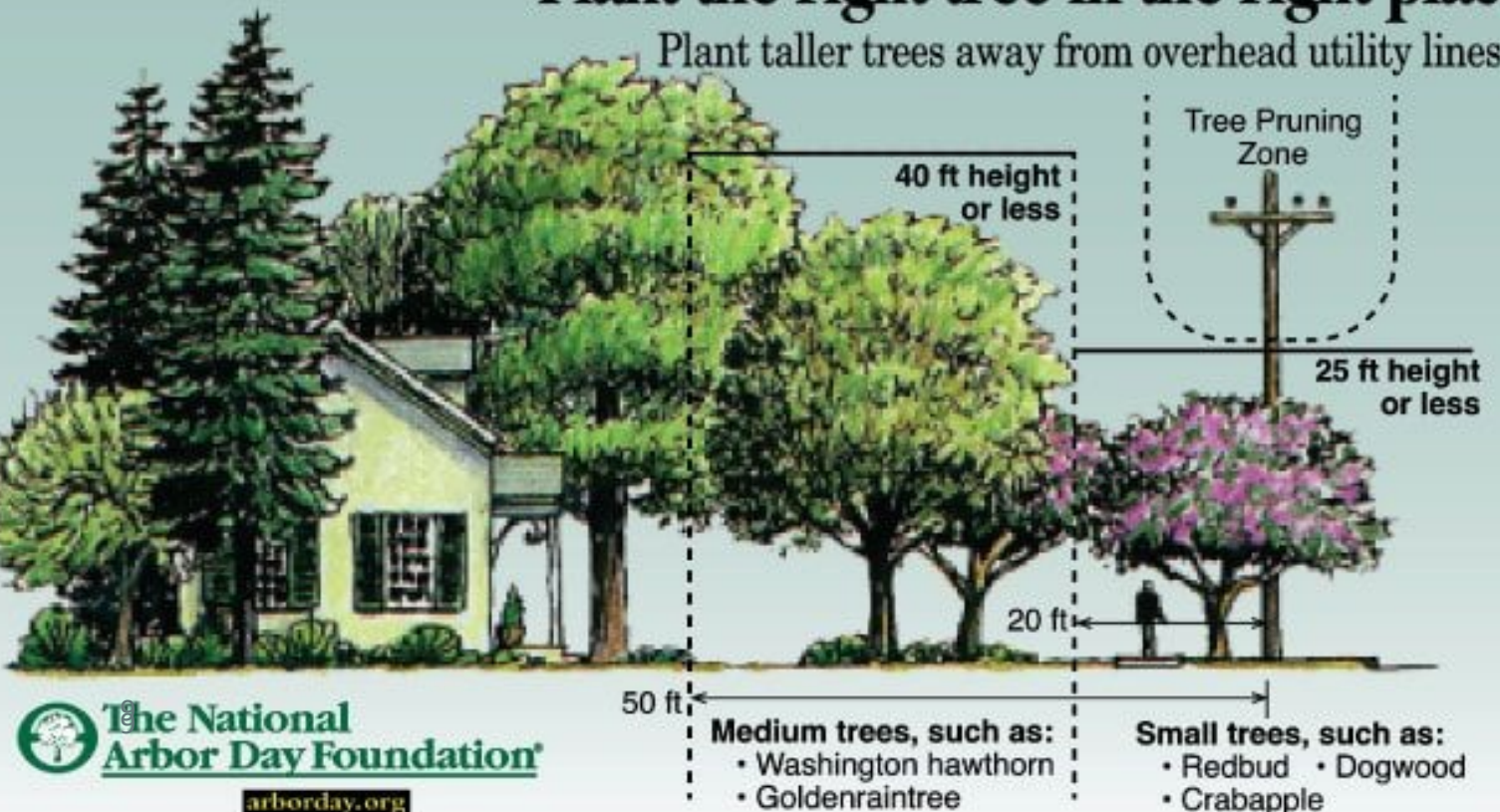


► Digging into an outdoor project soon?

Dial 811 or visit 811.com first to protect yourself and underground utility lines. For your safety, Michigan law requires that all utility lines be flagged before beginning any excavation project.

Plant the right tree in the right place

Plant taller trees away from overhead utility lines



NEWS FROM CITY HALL

2022 Water Quality Report for City of Charlotte

Water Supply Serial Number: [1340]

This report covers the drinking water quality for City of Charlotte for the 2022 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2022. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 3 groundwater wells, each over 100 feet deep. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is "High".

There are no significant sources of contamination included in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by participating in a wellhead protection program.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Matt Griffith, at (517)543-8860, located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1005 Paine Drive, Charlotte, MI 48813 or by E-mail at mgriffith@charlottemi.org.

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be

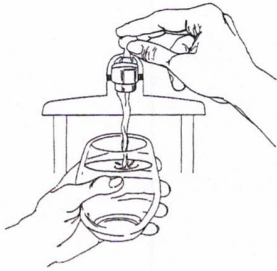
particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

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In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2022 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2022. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- N/A: Not applicable
- ND: not detectable at testing limit
- ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter
- ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- ppt: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- Level 1 Assessment: A study of the water supply to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- Level 2 Assessment: A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an *E. coli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

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¹Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	ND	N/A	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.06	N/A	2017	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	1.26	0.25-3.00	2022	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.57	0.15-0.75	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium ¹ (ppm)	N/A	N/A	77	N/A	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	67		2022	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	6.15		2022	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine ² (ppm)	4	4					Water additive used to control microbes
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	1.2	N/A	2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium (pCi/L)	5	0	ND	N/A	2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2022	No	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli in the distribution system (positive samples)	See E. coli note ³	0	0	N/A	2022	No	Human and animal fecal waste
Fecal Indicator – E. coli at the source (positive samples)	TT	N/A		N/A			Human and animal fecal waste

¹ Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

² The chlorine "Level Detected" was calculated using a running annual average.

³ E. coli MCL violation occurs if: (1) routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is E. coli-positive, or (2) the supply fails to take all required repeat samples following E. coli-positive routine sample, or (3) the supply fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for E. coli.

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Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)								
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt)	370	N/A	ND	N/A	2022	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process	
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	5	N/A	2022	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments	
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	6	N/A	2022	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities	
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	ND	N/A	2022	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities	
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	ND	N/A	2022	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds	
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	ND	N/A	2022	No	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities	
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	ND	N/A	2022	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments	
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water ⁴	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Lead (ppb)	15	0	0	0-1	2022	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits	
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.1-1.7	2022	1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	

⁴ Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

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Additional Monitoring

Information about lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Charlotte is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Water supplier: Delete lead service line statement below if you do not have any lead service lines or service lines of unknown material.

Our water supply has 353 lead service lines and 1398 service lines of unknown material out of a total of 3850 service lines.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2022.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at City Hall, 111 E. Lawrence Avenue, Charlotte, MI 48813. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Regularly scheduled meetings are held on the first (1) and third (3) Monday of each month at 7:00pm at City Hall. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Matt Griffith, at (517)543-8860, located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1005 Paine Drive, Charlotte, MI 48813 or by Email at mgriffith@charlottemi.org or <http://www.charlottemi.org>. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

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DO YOU KNOW?

What is a Water Operator? Operators provide one of the most valuable services to Americans. They work in vital jobs that we can't do without.

Operators keep us supplied with a necessity of life 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Water keeps us alive and is delivered or treated in order to protect our health as well as the environment.

And for that, we say:



Want to learn more about what operators do? Enjoy this short video:

https://vimeo.com/71441343?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=9126337



From the Police Chief Did you know the police department does vacation checks? If you are going to be out of town for an extended period of time, just let us know and we'll check on your property while you are gone. Either stop down to the police department or call us at 517-543-1552 and we'll take care of you.

Parking Permits for Downtown Residents—Parking permits expired on April 30th, please make sure to complete an application online at www.charlottemi.org to get your updated 6m permit (May through October).

Please call 517-543-1552 with any questions on parking permits.



From the Fire Chief Effective June 1st, 2023 residents in the City of Charlotte will no longer need to contact the Charlotte Fire Department to obtain a burn permit. Residents are permitted to have a recreational, cooking, or ceremonial fire any time of the year without a permit.

§3.3.226 Recreational fire. Fuel used for a recreational fire shall be untreated dry-season wood or charcoal. The total area for the fire shall not exceed 3 FT in diameter and 2 FT in height.

Burning of leaves, brush, yard waste, and trash is prohibited within city limits. Residents may be subject to a fire response charge if found in violation of city ordinance.

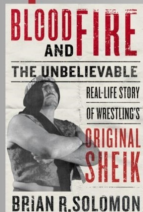

Additional information can be found at www.charlottemifire.org

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS—MAY

AUTHOR VISIT: BRIAN R. SOLOMON
 2023 MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOKS
 AUTHOR TOUR

**MONDAY
 MAY 22ND
 6:00 PM**

The event will be held in the Spartan Room.
 Books will be available for purchase while supplies last.
 Refreshments provided.

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Domestic Violence:

Facts, myths, and signs of abuse

Kaitlyn Fales will present a basic overview of the dynamics of domestic abuse and tips on how to support someone who may need to leave a situation or who is in a situation.

**Tuesday May 16th
 @ 5:30pm**



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The Library will be closed for Memorial Day Monday, May 29, 2023



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MINECRAFT CLUB

Friday, May 19th from 4:00-5:00pm



Play on the Library's private Minecraft server!

For students in 3rd grade and up.

Laptops provided.

Pre-registration required.

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Library Hours:

M-F 9am-7pm

Sat 10am-2pm

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EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS-MAY



EARTHQUAKES

Come enjoy exciting STEM activities and a delicious snack!

**Wednesday,
May 10th
2:45-4:00pm**

For children in grades 3rd-6th.
Pre-registration is required.

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FAMILY STORY TIME

MONDAYS AT 2:30 PM
SPARTAN ROOM
APRIL 10TH - MAY 8TH

*Join us for
some fun!*

Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes,
games, movement & more!

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**CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
FIBER CIRCLE**

Materials Swap

Bring your unwanted needles, hooks, yarn, floss, etc. to re-home and take home what you need.

**Monday,
May 15 at
6pm**

Fiber Circle meets weekly on Mondays at 6:00pm in the **Spartan Room** - except the fourth Monday of the month which will be held at the **Yarn Garden**.

ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS & AGES WELCOME SOCIALIZE WHILE YOU KNIT, CROCHET OR STITCH. COME PET SOME YARN!!!

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Craft Club Jr

Pet Rocks

**Friday, May 5th
4:15-5:15pm**

This event will be held in person in the Spartan Room.

Pre-registration is required.

For students in 1st-3rd grade.

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ANDY & JUDY

BOSTON AREA FOLK DUO WHO PERFORM ORIGINAL, LYRIC DRIVEN SONGS THAT COMBINE THEIR BEAUTIFUL VOCALS AND INSTRUMENTATION.

**WHEN:
THURSDAY, MAY 25**

**TIME:
6:00 PM**

**LOCATION:
BEACH MARKET**

IF ABLE PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR, AS THERE IS LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE.

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CRAFT CLUB

Friendship Plants

Make two plants during this craft time- keep one for yourself and give one to a friend!

**Friday, May 26th
4:00-5:00pm**

This event will be held in person in the Spartan Room.

Pre-registration is required.

For students in 4th-12th grade.

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EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS 2023



The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and our Chamber Member Partners look forward to **CELEBRATING** with the **Charlotte Community** all year long!

Check out our webpage
MICharlotte.org

*Download our new app
on Android and Apple*
MICharlotte

*Call us today to learn more
about becoming a member*
517-543-0400

*Office hours are
Mondays and Wednesdays
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.*



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Community Events 2023

- Eaton County Expo: April 22nd - 23rd
- Charlotte Artisans & Farmers Market:
Thursdays 2-6 from May-October (120 W. Lovett St.)
- Summer Concerts on the Lawn:
Thursdays 6:30 from June - August
- Charlotte Celebrates: June 15th - June 17th
- Taste of Eaton County: August 17th
- Almost Midnight Madness: October 23rd
- Small Business Saturday and Lighted Holiday Parade:
November 25th

Chamber Member Events 2023 *To Be Announced*

- Annual Dinner - February 9th
- Golf Outing - August 31st
- Quarterly Networking and Education Events

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

EATON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The events at Eaton County Fairgrounds are managed by the Eaton County Agricultural Society. The Eaton County Agricultural Society is a Non-Profit 501(c)(5) corporation established in 1855. ECAS is operated by the Board of Directors, AKA the Fairboard. The Fairboard consists of 15 members who make the majority of the decisions regarding the operation of the Eaton County Fair and the grounds. Learn more here: <https://eatoncountyfair.com/pageserver/ag-society>.

The Fairboard has a full slate of exciting events planned for 2023

May 13: Dog Show

May 13-14: Llama Show

May 17-21: Spin Hoop Convention

May 20: Cattle Show

May 28: FFA Elite Hog Show

June 3-4: Magical Realm Fantasy Faire

June 9-10: Horse Show

June 22-24: Charlotte Bluegrass Festival

July 10-15: Eaton County Fair

July 29: Horse Show

August 5: Dairy Goat Show

August TBD: Mid-Michigan Gospel Fest

August 18-19: Horse Show

September 6-10: Charlotte Frontier Days

September 15-16: Horse Show

October 7: Horse Show

October 13-14: Horse Show



Eaton Area Senior Center "The Center"

The Senior Center invites one and all to join as a member and support the non-profit's mission. All ages can join! Please contact 517-541-2934 or visit <https://www.eascmi.org/> The Center is located at 804 S Cochran Ave, Charlotte, MI 48813.

BINGO! Every Tuesday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM the Center hosts Bingo games. All are welcome to attend and join in the fun!

The Center is available for rent—banquets or special events; fundraising!
Call Cindy for details, 517-541-2934



MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

CITY OF CHARLOTTE

Michael Armitage—Mayor

Tammy Weissenborn—Mayor Pro-Tem/
Councilmember

Joseph Chin Jr.—Councilmember

Michael Duweck—Councilmember

Branden Dyer—Councilmember

Anthony Rodriguez—Councilmember

Adrianne Van Langevelde—Councilmember

Erin LaPere—City Manager

Mary LaRocque—City Clerk

Eric Smith—Finance Director/Treasurer

Amy Gilson—DPW Director

Paul Brentar—Police Chief

Dan Daly—Interim Fire Chief

Bryan Myrkle—Community Development
Director

Randy Jewell—Assessor



Do you have an idea? Something happening in your neighborhood that you want to share? Concerned about a city matter? You can reach out to me anytime via phone, email, or stop by the office. You can also reach out to your elected officials, their contact information is available [online by clicking here](#).

office 517-543-8850
cell/text 269-223-9809
email elapere@charlottemi.org

You can also learn more about what's happening in Charlotte online at the city's website:

www.charlottemi.org; the city's [facebook page](#), or

twitter: @CityCharlotteMI

- Erin E. LaPere

Recent City Council Actions—April 2023:

- Adopted resolution to modify City Elections to even years
- Held Public Hearing and Adopted updates to City Code, Chapter 30, Fire Code
- Proclaimed Friday, April 28th as Arbor Day in the City of Charlotte
- Scheduled a public hearing on miscellaneous special assessment roll for May 15, 2023
- Scheduled a public hearing on fire department special assessment roll for May 15, 2023
- Authorized street closures for Charlotte Celebrates
- Authorized street closures for Pray Funeral Home Centennial Celebration
- Confirmed Mayoral appointments to boards/committees
- Approved ongoing lease amount for use of fairgrounds to Eaton County 4-H Agricultural Society (Fair Board)
- Approved purchase of \$749,673 for a fire truck to replace #314
- Discussed FY 23/24 Budget
- Discussed pension funding policy
- Extended assessing services contract for one year
- Dedicated city property as road right-of-way for Hall/Washington/McClure road project
- Approved resolution for purchase agreement to sell land at Combs Park to Charlotte Anodizing
- Adopted ordinance to correct ownership of Butternut Creek Apartments PI-LOT
- Adopted policy establishing base payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT)
- Approved sale of fire truck #312 (replaced by new mini-pumpers with grant funding)
- Approved purchase of AEDs and LUCAS device for police and fire departments
- Discussed retainer contract with City Attorney
- Directed staff and attorney to draft ordinance language establishing a commercial cannabis licensing program

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Monday thru Friday
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2 pm - 4 pm

City Hall Staff Hours
Monday thru Friday
8 am - 5 pm

Emergency Services 9-1-1
After-Hours DPW 517-543-8874



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